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## In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant: Noriko Tomita et al. )  
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SURFACE PROTECTION METHOD )  
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on December 2, 2005. Payment for one month's extension of time is attached. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any additional fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but this paper is a petition for extension of time.

The amendment to recite "leaving the substrate to stand in air containing ambient organic substances" is supported in claim 20, in the specification at page 1, line 26 to page 2, line 3, and in claim 23 (the word "ambient").

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